



## **ELEVATOR SAFETY BOARD MEETING**

**FEBRUARY 22, 2007**

**LOCATION: MISSOURI DIVISION OF FIRE SAFETY, 2401 E MCCARTY STREET  
JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI**

### **BOARD MEMEBERS PRESENT**

**John McNerney  
Tom Corso  
Suzan Mehalko  
Michele S. Ohmes  
Gerri Kielhofner  
Kay Donovan**

### **STAFF PRESENT**

**Randy Cole, State Fire Marshal  
Greg Carrell, Asst. State Fire Marshal  
Larry Watson, Deputy Chief Elev Safety  
Amiee Forck, Elevator Safety Unit  
Vince Daus, State Elevator Inspector  
Bill Jamison, State Elevator Inspector  
Wendy Eiss, State Elevator Inspector  
Ron Evans, State Elevator Inspector  
Dan Daniels, State Elevator Inspector**

### **BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

**Mark James, Director of Public Safety  
Tom Corso  
J A Marchack  
Wilson Winn**

### **VISITORS**

**Michael S. Pate, REI Elevators  
Tim Trout, ECI  
Bob Kocher, Otis Elevator  
Vincent Todt, IUEC  
Jim Chapman, IUEC, Local 12**

## **I. OPEN AND WELCOME**

Chairman McNerney called the meeting to order at 9:45 AM. Introductions were made by all present. Meeting was delayed due to the lack of a quorum.

## **II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Ohmes motioned to approve the November 29, 2006 minutes as written. Mrs. Kielhofner seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

## **III. VARIANCE REQUEST PEMISCOT COUNTY COURTHOUSE**

Mrs. Kielhofner motioned to approve the size of the elevator and the use of manually lowering in lieu of the top hatch opening. Mrs. Ohmes seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **IV. MACHINE ROOMLESS INSTALLATIONS**

##### **OTIS ELEVATOR SPRINGFIELD-**

Sight & Sound Theaters- Branson- (1 Unit)

Mrs. Ohmes motioned to approve the installation. Mr. Corso seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Mrs. Kielhofner abstained.

St. Johns Patient Tower- Springfield- (4 Units)  
Hilton Hotel- Branson- (4 Units)

Mr. Corso motioned to accept the installations. Mrs. Kielhofner seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

##### **THYSSENKRUPP ST. LOUIS-**

Ventana Lofts- St. Louis- (1 Unit)  
Ameristar Casino- St. Charles- (4 Units)  
1209 Washington Ave LLC- St. Louis- (2 Units)

##### **OTIS ELEVATOR ST. LOUIS-**

St. Louis University- Medical Research- (2 Units)  
Pinnacle Casino- St. Louis- (2 Units)  
BJC School of Nursing- St. Louis- (2 Units)

Mrs. Ohmes motioned to approve ThyssenKrupp St. Louis and Otis St. Louis installations. Mrs. Mehalko seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **V. VARIANCE REQUEST BALLARD PHOTOGRAPHY- BOLIVAR**

Mrs. Kielhofner motioned to approve the request to allow the travel distance of the platform lift to be 14 feet. Mrs. Donovan seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **VI. VARIANCE REQUEST ST. LOUIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE- FOREST PARK**

Mrs. Donovan motioned to deny the request and require the location to enclose the elevator equipment located in the machine room to separate it from other building machinery located in the room. Mrs. Mehalko seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **VII. VARIANCE REQUEST NEW MCKENDREE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH- JACKSON**

Mrs. Kielhofner motioned to accept the request provided a knee pan or bump pan is installed to prevent a child from being trapped when the unit is in operation. Mrs. Ohmes seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **VIII. VARIANCE REQUEST FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH- DEXTER**

Mr. Corso motioned to deny the request. Mrs. Mehalko seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

The consensus of the Board was to have Mr. Johnson attend the next Elevator Safety Board meeting to discuss the status of the unit.

#### **IX. VARIANCE REQUEST MISSOURI DELTA MEDICAL CENTER- SIKESTON**

Mrs. Donovan motioned to approve the request to allow the roof top drain in the hoistway.

Mrs. Mehalko motioned to deny the request on not guarding/guttering the water and drain pipes in the machine room. If the unit is ever modernized or the building usage changes the machine room shall be brought up to meet current code. Guarding or guttering material shall be installed to divert any leakage from the piping away from the elevator equipment. Mr. Corso seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **X. VARIANCE REQUEST WHITEHALL PLACE CONDOS- ST. LOUIS**

Mr. Corso motioned to deny the request. Mrs. Kielhofner seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **XI. VARIANCE REQUEST REACT- ST. LOUIS**

The consensus of the Board was to table the item for additional information.

#### **XII. REVIEW OF TIMOTHY TROUT'S QUALITY CONTROL INSPECTIONS**

Inspector Timothy Trout was brought before the Elevator Safety Board for a disciplinary review of his inspections conducted at St. John's Health System- 1235 East Cherokee, Springfield, Missouri during December 2006 and at Westgate Branson Woods- 2201 Roark Valley Road, Branson, Missouri on November 3, 2006. This review was based on Quality Control inspections conducted on December 21, 2006 and December 4, 2006.

After examining the inspection reports and hearing from Deputy Chief Watson, Inspector Jamison and Inspector Trout, Mrs. Donovan motioned to suspend Inspector's Trout's license for 90 days. Suspension shall end May 22, 2007, at that time Mr. Trout will need to request his license be re-instated. Mrs. Mehalko seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **XIII. REINSTATEMENT OF WAYNE INGRAM'S ELEVATOR INSPECTOR'S LICENSE**

Mrs. Donovan motioned to reinstate Inspector Ingram's license upon verification of employment. Mrs. Kielhofner seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **XIV. CHIEF'S REPORT**

Deputy Chief Watson reviewed the financial statement with the Board.

Deputy Chief Watson advised the Board there are issues with the way St. Louis County is conducting the required annual state inspections. We are hoping to schedule a meeting with St. Louis County soon to resolve these issues.

House Bill 413- Chairman McNerney reviewed House Bill 413 for the Board and polled the Board for comments on the matter. House Bill 413 is a bill requesting the addition of two (2) new members

to the Elevator Safety Board. The consensus of the Board was to oppose the addition of two new members. They feel it would create a financial burden to the State of Missouri. They feel it would be very difficult to find a professional engineer and will be very difficult to meet the criteria the House Bill establishes for the new members. The Board would rather see extra funding go to increase wages for the inspectors and employees of the Elevator Safety Unit.

**XV. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING**

**DATE/TIME: TUESDAY- APRIL 17, 2007 9:30 AM**  
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